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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number 09/438,957

Filing Date November 19, 1999

First Named Inventor: Terrell B. Jones

Art Unit: 3627

Examiner Name: Rena Dye

Confirmation No.: 1078

Attorney Docket No. 023895/257368

This is a request for **Continued Examination (RCE)** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); _____ of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
 - iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	* 21	** 22	=	X 9=	\$	X 18=	\$
INDEP	* 12	*** 11	= 1	X 43=	\$	X 86=	\$ 86.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+145=	\$	+290=	\$
				TOTAL ADD FEE \$		OR TOTAL	\$ 86.00

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
(\$770.00 large entity; \$385.00 small entity)
- ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$966.00 (\$770.00 RCE fee, \$86.00 extra claim fee and \$110.00 EOT fee) is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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